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Semester V**

**Class: III UG
Major: English**

**Time: 2 hrs.
Max. Marks: 60**

23BENC09 Women's Writing

Course Outcomes:

- Recognise the importance of gender specificity in literature
- Understand and appreciate the representation of feminine experience in literature
- Explain the difference between the feminine and the feminist as opposed to the female
- Examine and appreciate the role played by socio-cultural-economic contexts in defining woman
- Link the status of women to social discrimination and social change

Part - A

Choose the Correct Answer

6*1=6

1. Why was Pandita Ramabai's father summoned to Krishnapura and Udipi? CO3K1
 - a. because he refused to perform traditional pilgrimages
 - b. because he was accused of teaching Sanskrit to his wife
 - c. because he attempted to convert Brahmans to Christianity
 - d. because he neglected his duties
2. What vocation did Pandita Ramabai's family follow for their livelihood before famine struck? CO3K1
 - a. farming and cattle-rearing
 - b. teaching Sanskrit grammar to villagers
 - c. reading the Puranas in public places as Puranikas
 - d. serving as priests in local temples
3. Which character helps Celie gain independence and self-respect? CO4K1
 - a. Mister
 - b. Shug Avery
 - c. Sofia
 - d. Squeak
4. Sofia's resistance to oppression primarily illustrates _____. CO4K1
 - a. struggles of black women under patriarchy
 - b. Celie's submissive nature
 - c. power of romantic love
 - d. impact of religion on education
5. Among Bertha's guests, ----- had published a book of poems. CO4K2
 - a. Eddie Warren
 - b. Norman Knight
 - c. Pearl Fulton
 - d. Michael Oat
6. Dopdi's age is CO5K2
 - a. 25 years
 - b. 26 years
 - c. 27 years
 - d. 28 years

Part B

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages

3*6=18

7 a. Identify and explain 'Mlenchchas.'

CO3K2

(or)

7 b. Explain, "We thought the last age, Kali Yuga, ... had fully established its reign in Calcutta."

CO3K3

8 a. How does the motif of letters function as both a personal and political tool in Celie's life?

CO4K3

(or)

8 b. Name two objects that Shug Avery gives Celie which symbolize her independence and self-respect.

CO5K1

9a. Examine the pear tree as a significant symbol in "Bliss".

CO2K4

(or)

b. Compile the events that helped Dhulna and Dopdi escape Operation Bakuli.

CO5K6

PART C

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages

3*12=36

10 a. Make a list of ways in which Ramabai's father acted as a reformer in relation to women's education.

CO3K4

(or)

10 b. Make a table showing religious rules and their effects on women's education, e.g., what was forbidden and what women were allowed to learn.

CO3K4

11 a. Create a table showing four female characters in *The Color Purple*, their struggles, and how they overcome oppression.

CO4K6

(or)

11 b. Enumerate five symbols in *The Color Purple*.

CO2K1

12a. Justify Katherine Mansfield's choice of title "Bliss" with reference to Bertha Young.

CO2K5

(or)

b. Prepare a character sketch of Dopdi.

CO5K6

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